

TOWN OF WALLACE
Continued meeting
July 30, 2020
6:00 p.m.

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Mayor Charles C. Farrior, Jr.

Council Member/ Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton

Council Member Jeffrey Carter

Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz

Council Member Jason Wells

The following Governing Body member was absent:

Council Member Frank Brinkley

Also present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Anna Heath, Town Attorney
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Joseph Merritt
Carrie Shields, Duplin Co. Economic Development Commission	Jimmy Smith, Four County, Director of Economic and Community Development

Mayor Charley Farrior reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present.

Presentation by Duplin County Economic Development

Carrie Shields, Duplin County Economic Development, introduced the new Duplin County logo and explained the meaning of its design. Ms. Shields then made a presentation illustrating the ways potential investors in commercial property are approached. A brief drone video of a property in Beulaville was shown and Ms. Shields discussed her hard copy sample. Most communication with potential investors is either virtual or hard copy, both of which can be challenging in order to stand out. Jimmy Smith, Four County, Director of Economic and Community Development, discussed different financing options that are available. Mayor Farrior spoke about a walk through at Stevcoknit with Town Manager Larry Bergman since some interest has been shown in this property.

Phase II Storm Debris Pre-positioned Contract for Vegetative and C&D (construction and demolition) Debris

Manager Bergman said that with the help of Johnson Environmental & Disaster Consulting Services drafting a request for proposals and advertisement, five (5) proposals were received and evaluated for a primary and secondary contractor for debris removal. The consultant recommended the Town contract with State Tree Services from Sumter, SC as primary and Custom Tree Care from Topeka, KS as secondary. These contractors would pick up debris following the first seventy (70) hours after a debris generating event; during the first seventy (70) hours the Town may use in-house personnel or a local contractor to clear roads, etc.

Council Member Wannetta Carlton made a motion to award the bids to the low bidders (primary and secondary). The motion was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Town Attorney Anna Heath said that she had reviewed the contract and the effective date should be September 1, 2020 there are a couple of typos.

Council Member Jeff Carter made a motion to enter into a pre-positioned contract with State Tree Services as the primary contractor for vegetative and C&D pick up following a debris generating event. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Wells made a motion to enter into a pre-positioned contract with Custom Tree Care as the secondary contractor for vegetative and C&D pick up following a debris generating event which was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Amended Financial Audit Contract

Manager Bergman said the Audit contract had been amended to include a penalty clause that would allow for the Town to withhold 10% of the contract fee if the audit is completed late, provided it is through no fault of the Town.

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve the amended Audit contract that was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Madison Grove Apartments

Manager Bergman said this was for the development and improvements to the entrance road to the development on a parcel of land owned by the Town. Since it is not big enough for sidewalks the Town will receive payment in "lieu of" in the amount of \$3,750.00.

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve the MOU. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Historic District Protection Program Advisory Committee Appointments

Manager Bergman confirmed the individuals who agreed to serve on this committee. Attorney Heath said the terms of appointment needed to be included in the ordinance establishing the committee.

Council Member Carlton made a motion to approve establishing a Historic District Protection Program Committee to make recommendations to the Council for revolving loan funding of projects through evaluation of applications and to provide input on other elements of the Historic District Protection Program, serving terms of three (3) years. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wells and approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Carlton made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Historic District Protection Program Advisory Committee, with initial appointments having staggered terms, which was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Jason Wells, 2 years	Belinda Coates, 3 years	Gary Weaver, 2 years
Dwight Hall, 3 years	Joseph Merritt, 2 years	Teyaka Beatty-Pickett, 3 years
Curt Simpson, 2 years		

Other Business

Attorney Heath asked the Council to approve the Stage Stores bankruptcy court plan.

Council Member Wells made such a motion. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor Farrior provided an update on the 830 project and that he had received complaints about construction debris in the front yard of a house on Valparasio Street.

Council Member Carter said something needs to be done about the old Jim Russ building downtown.

There being no further business to discuss. Council Member Wells made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor

Jacqueline Nicholson, CMC
Town Clerk